



August 11, 2015

Tom Wheeler
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce and its more than 700 business members rely on robust and cutting-edge broadband and wireless networks to fuel innovation and business growth. For that reason, we urge the approval of the proposed merger between Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership. If approved, the new company 'New Charter' will help to provide the advanced, consumer and business oriented broadband service that New York needs to stay competitive in the 21st Century economy.

New York State has become a global destination for entrepreneurship, start-ups, and tech-savvy businesses. In order to maintain this growth and advancement, we require a first class infrastructure that focuses on connectivity, accessibility, and new models of service.

New Charter has promised to make the necessary investments in infrastructure that are required to build advanced networks to the benefit of businesses and consumers. This investment will bring as much as \$2.5 billion to commercial networks, and the additional competition in this sector will result in lower costs and better service for businesses.

New Charter has also pledged to return call center jobs to the United States, and will hire and train thousands of new employees for its customer service centers and field technical operations, including right here in New York.

This merger represents an exciting opportunity for New York to continue to attract and maintain great businesses and great jobs. While infrastructure debates rage in Washington, it is imperative that private sector solutions be entertained to provide the kinds of investments we need as a country to be competitive in the global economy. As such, we again urge the Commission to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda M. Baran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Linda M. Baran
President & CEO